

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM M. BYRD,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 04-11032-DPW

AVENTIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. and  
DEBRA EDMUNDS,

Defendants.

**DEFENDANTS' LOCAL RULE 16.1 CERTIFICATION**

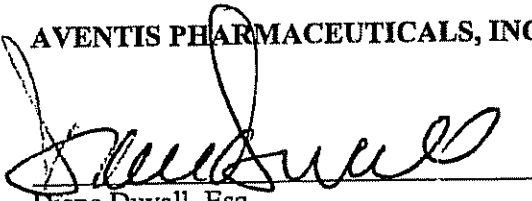
Defendant, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and the undersigned counsel for Defendants, in accordance with Rule 16.1(D)(3) of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, hereby certify that they have conferred:

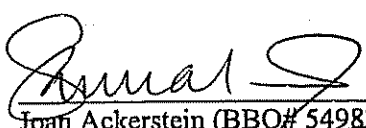
- with a view to establishing a budget for the cost of this litigation; and
- to consider the resolution of this case through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs, such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

Respectfully submitted,

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